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**Subject:** Timeline of major events

- July 2007 Applicant submits preliminary Mine Plan of Operations to US Forest Service (USFS)
- March 2008 USFS issues Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS.
- November 2010 Corps issues Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination - 101.6 acres of potential WOTUS.
- October 2011 USFS issues Notice of Availability of Draft EIS.
- Jan/Feb 2012 **EPA R9 responds to Corps PN with 404(q) letters (reserving option for HQ review when 404 permit decision is draft).**
- February 2012 **EPA rates the DEIS as EU-3 “Environmentally Unsatisfactory – Inadequate”.**
- October 2013 FWS issues final Biological Opinion to USFS.
- December 2013 USFS issues FEIS and draft ROD. **EPA maintains concerns and option to refer to CEQ.** USFS voluntarily “pauses” the 25-day clock on CEQ referral and finalization of their ROD; CEQ begins informal interagency facilitation (Weekly RA-level calls)
- January 2014 Multi agency site visit (incl. **EPA HQ and CEQ**).
- March 2014 Governor Brewer’s letter to Corps supporting project; effect is any permit denial by LA District would be elevated to South Pac Div.
- May 2014 USFS notifies FWS of intent to reinstitute formal consultation (new listings and ocelot sightings).
- September 2014 Corps receives 5<sup>th</sup> version of Mitigation Plan and provides it to USFS.
- February 2015 ADEQ issues 401 Cert.
- April 2015 **EPA R9 sends “Other Water Quality Aspects” letter to Corps--state’s 401 cert would not prevent downstream WQS violations.**
- May 2015 FWS reinitiates ESA consultation.
- April 2016 USFWS issues amended final (non-jeopardy) biological opinion.
- May 2016 CEQ calls disbanded
- July 2016 **HudBay meeting with EPA OW (Peck)**
- July 2016 LA District completes draft denial of the 404 CWA permit. SPD initiates review anticipating final permit decision in 6 months.
- December 2016 Corps SPD has applicant meeting and site visit
- March 2017 Corps SPD has applicant meeting in SF